

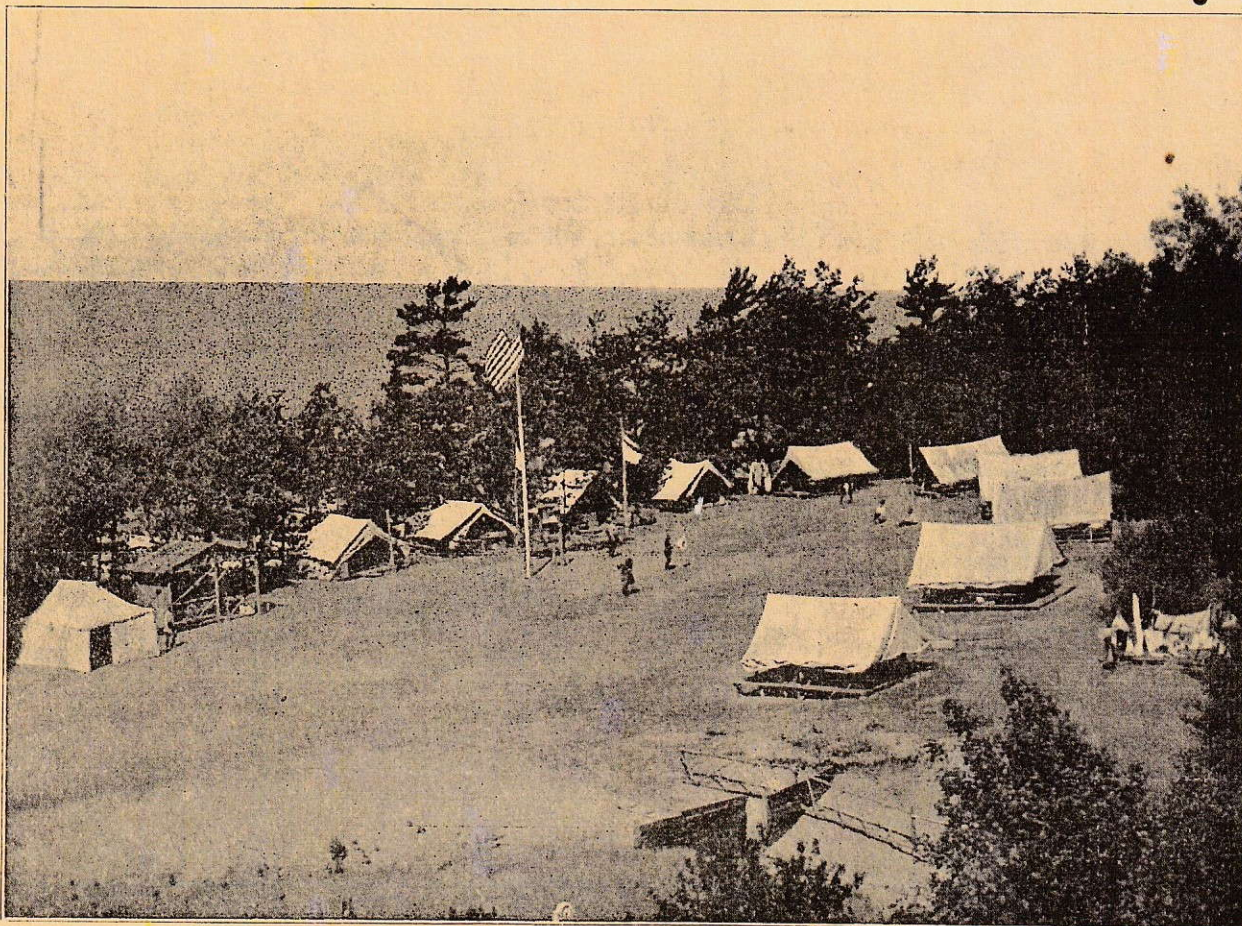
# Camp Keesus

NINTH SEASON--JUNE 29-SEPTEMBER 5, 1920

Conducted by

*Boy Scouts of America—Chicago Council*

*Hyde Park-Woodlawn District*



*"To Ye Scouts Who Love the Haunts of Nature,  
— Keesus is Calling"*

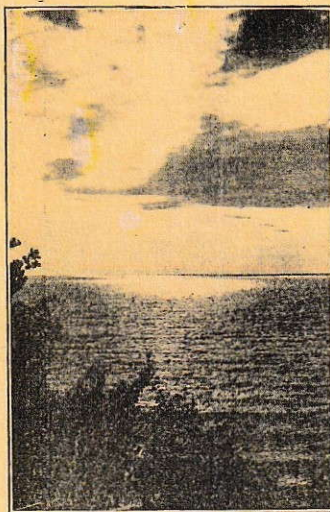
**PURPOSE**—To provide a program of vigorous Scout life, inspired by Nature's glories, is the purpose of Camp Keesus.

"I have found that the impressions which a man receives by the brookside or in the forest make him a better man and a better citizen. NEARNESS TO NATURE has an ELEVATING INFLUENCE on heart and character. NATURE is a SCHOOL for the HARDIER VIRTUES."

—Ex-Pres. GROVER CLEVELAND.

**LOCATION**—The camp is on Lake Michigan, 9 miles south of Grand Haven, Michigan, and 3 miles west of the village of Agnew on the Pere Marquette Railroad.





The camp property comprises 58 acres of tree enclosed meadow on a bluff directly overlooking the lake. To the south rises Indian Hill, high and heavily forested, the resting place of many Indians whose graves can still be seen. Between the hill and camp are the relics of an Indian settlement, which was abandoned when the big timber was cut. East of the camp is open farm country, while westward, beyond the wide beach below the bluff stretches Lake Michigan's broad expanse, ever changing, and ever beautiful, where each evening's gorgeous sunset glorifies the close of the camp day.

Old trails and logging roads run through the woods; strawberries, blackberries, and raspberries grow wild in the open spaces, and the long range of forested hills and dunes along the shore invite a Scout to share the experiences of the pioneers of old.

**PROGRAM**—Camp Keesus is not a resting place, but a “doing” place. The daily activity, ordered by a regular program, includes instruction in woodcraft, campcraft, swimming and other Scout subjects. Besides the first-class tests there is opportunity to prepare for numerous merit badges.

There are hikes and exploring trips, boat drills, Scout games and inter-tent competitions. Every night there is the big camp-fire on the broad beach, where songs, yells, and stories, bring to a stirring close every well-filled day.

Construction work is an important part of the camp experience. In the previous seasons the scouts have built a hundred-foot bridge across a ravine, rustic gateway, stairway to the beach, signal tower fifty-five feet tall, mess hall with screened porches, boat house, dark room, and pavilion. The construction program this year, while not so extensive as formerly, will probably include the building of an ice house, walk and stairway to the mess hall, and rustic furniture.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**—The Campmaster believes that his first duty is to surround with every possible safeguard the boys entrusted to his care, and the sense of this duty controls every detail of camp administration.

In remarkable combination with its site of great natural beauty, the camp has perfect drainage, pure water, freedom from insects, safe surroundings, and a fine climate.

The swimming beach is wide and safe. Swimming periods are carefully regulated and closely supervised, instruction being given to all beginners.

**LEADERSHIP**—Camp Keesus is operated by the Chicago Council of the Boy Scouts of America, in accordance with the regulations of National Headquarters, as the official summer training quarters for troops of the Hyde Park-Woodlawn District.

#### Personnel of Camp Staff

Ralph H. Nodine, Campmaster—Field Scout Executive; ten years' service in the Boy Scouts of America, including extensive camp administration experience; director of Scout Service Camp at Fort Sheridan during first R. O. T. C.; Instructor, Culver Military Academy, 1917.

Lewis H. Kessler of the University of Chicago, Veteran Scout and former Assistant Field Scout Executive, will be First Deputy Campmaster.

Ralph W. Martin, Veteran Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster, and George W. Rutter, for five seasons at Camp Keesus, will also serve as Deputy Campmasters.

**COMMISSARY**—Mr. Casseday will be chef at camp again this summer. Last year's campers know what this means in the way of grub when mess-call blows. The menu is well balanced.

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“You should have heard him speak of what he loved; of the tent pitched beside the talking waters; of the stars over head at night; of the blest return of morning, the peep of day over the moors, the awakened birds among the birches; how he abhorred the long winter shut in cities; and with what delight, at the return of spring, he once more pitched his camp in the living out-of-doors.”

—Robert Louis Stevenson.



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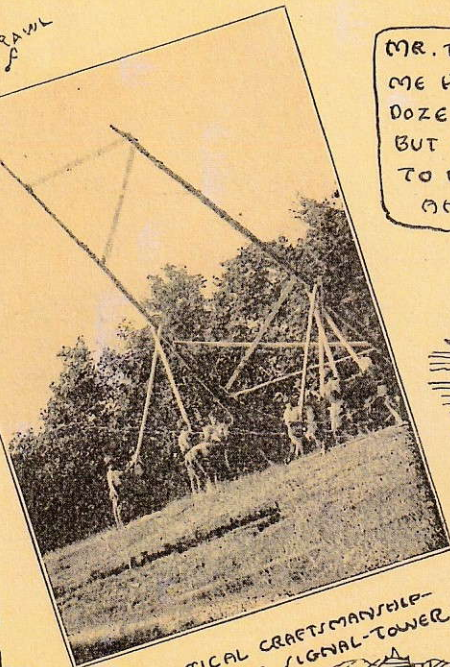
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NIGHT TRAILING  
GAME MONITEE"

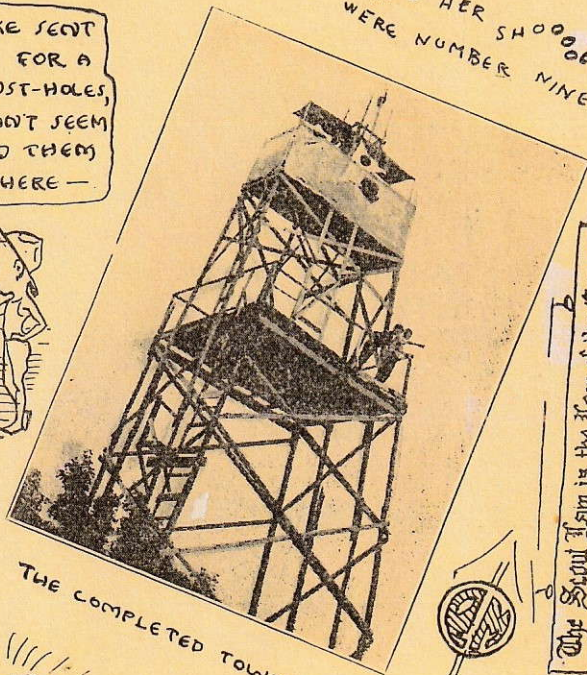
MR. DRAKE SENT  
ME HERE FOR A  
DOZEN POST-HOLES,  
BUT I CAN'T SEEM  
TO FIND THEM  
ANYWHERE —



Ooh!  
I GOT A  
WIRELESS  
FROM THE  
BATTLESHIP  
"ARIZONA" -  
IT SAYS -  
"CBX CAT  
YPDQ COD RIP  
& BLT AEF  
MAFQXBZL!"



PRACTICAL CRAFTSMANSHIP-  
BUILDING THE SIGNAL-TOWER.



THE COMPLETED TOWER

The Scout Elm is the Hero of the Camp.



THE WEEKLY SAWTH

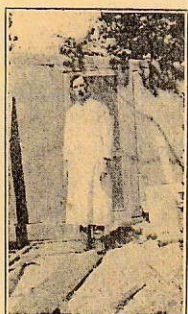


"HOTEL DRAKE" AND ITS PROPRIETOR

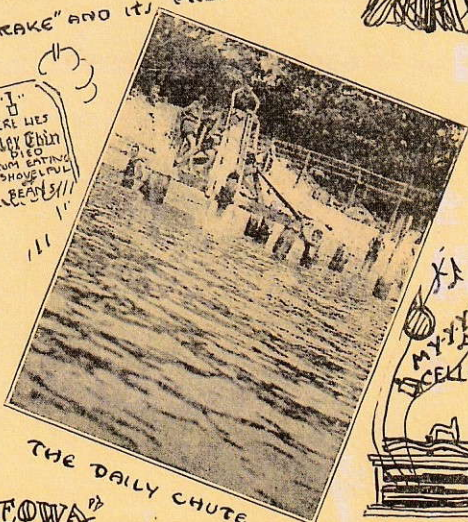
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- ROOMS -  
PERFECT  
CONTINUATION"



"ADRIAN  
KRAUS  
MEMORIAL  
HOSPITAL"



CHEF  
CASSIDY,  
THE  
BOYS' BEST  
FRIEND.



THE DAILY CHUTE  
70 FLOWA 73





**TRANSPORTATION**—Scouts go by Graham & Morton steamer to Holland, thence by motor truck, sixteen miles direct to camp.

**VISITORS**—Visitors can conveniently reach the camp by Goodrich steamer to Grand Haven, or Pere Marquette to Agnew. Parents are welcome at any time, and are urged to visit the camp, but no overnight accommodations are provided for them except by special arrangement in advance.

**WHO MAY GO**—The camp is open to any second-class or first-class Scout in the district.

All applications are subject to prior completion of the enrollment, and the limited capacity of the camp suggests the desirability of early registration. Application blank attached, showing dates of the five two-week periods.

**COST**—\$14.75 for two-week period, including round-trip transportation between Chicago and Camp; additional two-week periods, \$14.00.

A word of explanation about the low cost may be necessary, for as one mother said, "It costs less than keeping my boy at home."


All camp officers, excepting the Campmaster, are volunteers. No leadership expense or equipment is charged to the camp. These items are covered by the regular budget of the Chicago Council, B. S. A. It is the intention of the Council to have the Scout's camp fee pay only for his transportation, food, and incidental expense.

## To the Holder of this Policy

hereinafter called the assured, the within named corporation agrees to furnish a period of health-giving outdoor fun and valuable training, with accumulative interest and dividends payable for life.

Provided the assured meets the within stated requirements and

Provided further, that the attached application is properly executed and accepted.



## Keesus

Grand Haven,  
Michigan

<b>DATES</b>  1st Period—June 29th-July 13th. 2nd Period—July 11th-July 25th. 3rd Period—July 25th-August 8th. 4th Period—August 8th-August 22nd. 5th Period—August 22nd-September 5th.	<p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">"Fun not found in cities; knowledge not in books."</p> <h2 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Boy Scouts of America-Chicago Council</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Application for Camp Keesus</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">9th Season—1920</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(For Second and First Class Scouts Only)</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(To be filled out and sent with One Dollar to Ralph H. Nodine, Field Scout Executive, 1450 E. 63rd Street, Chicago.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date ..... 1920.</p> <p>I wish to enroll my son (name) ..... of troop .....</p> <p>for the ..... camp period, subject to all stated terms and regulations.</p> <p>Parent's signature .....</p> <p>Address ..... Telephone .....</p> <p>Approved by ..... Scoutmaster</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Upon acceptance of this application, the Scout will be sent instructions concerning the camp regulations and customs, satisfactory and honor ratings, what to take to camp, etc. If for any reason it cannot be accepted, the deposit will be returned.</p>
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